

**MINUTES**  
**EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING**  
**Tuesday, July 13, 2021**

**City Council Chamber**

**4:00 p.m.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL**

Council President Weld called the meeting to order. The following Council Members were present in-person: Emily Berge, Jill Christopherson, Catherine Emmanuelle, Jeremy Gragert, Roderick Jones, David Klinkhammer, John Lor, Terry Weld and Andrew Werthmann. The following Council Member was present remotely: Emily Anderson. The following Council Member was absent: Kate Beaton.

**UPDATE**

Update by Interim City Manager Solberg regarding City operations and local response during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The Council considered a resolution adopting the Consent Agenda for the following items of routine business on Tuesday, July 13, 2021:

- Adopting the Consent Agenda.
- Approving the Minutes of the June 22, 2021 Council Legislative Session.
- Granting new bartender licenses.
- Granting the renewal of bartender licenses for the 2021-2023 licensing period.
- Granting a Combination Class A Intoxicating Liquor & Fermented Malt Beverage license of Kwik Trip, LLC, d/b/a Kwik Trip #1110, 3801 Gateway Drive, Chris Comte, agent.
- Granting a Class B Cabaret license to Two Step, LLC, d/b/a Rolbiecki's Rinkside, 1004 Menomonie Street, agent Christie Rolbiecki.
- Granting a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage license to St. James The Greater Catholic Church, Father Thomas Krieg, on August 14-15, 2021, at 2502 11<sup>th</sup> Street, for St. James Summer Fest.
- Granting a Class B Fermented Malt Beverage and Class C Wine license to RCB Family Restaurant LLC, d/b/a Red Coal BBQ Family Restaurant, 2235 N. Clairemont Avenue, Brian Moskiewicz, agent.
- Authorizing the City of Eau Claire Police Department to apply for Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) formula program funds from the US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance.
- Awarding a contract for Procurement No. 2021-19, Omaha Street Reconstruction.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Berge "to adopt the consent resolution." Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **COMMENDATION**

President Weld presented a commendation to Eau Claire Police Officer Zac Becker for his quick action and bravery while rescuing an unconscious person from the Eau Claire river and rendering aid until additional help arrived, averting what could have been a tragic ending. Officer Becker's actions on the morning of June 6, 2021 are an example of the highest level of service to our community.

## **GREAT LAKES RALLY**

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing Rally North America to conduct the Great Lakes Rally on Monday, July 19, 2021 on Riverfront Terrace. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Christopherson and seconded by Council Member Emmanuelle "to adopt the resolution." Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **DOWNTOWN HOEDOWN**

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the Lismore to conduct the Downtown Hoedown on Tuesday, July 20, 2021 in Downtown Eau Claire. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Gragert and seconded by Council Member Jones "to adopt the resolution." Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution granting a Temporary Expansion of the licensed premise of ECHL, LLC, d/b/a The Lismore, 333 Gibson Street, for the Downtown Hoedown event on July 20, 2021 in the Four Corners parking lot located at 219 S. Barstow Street. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Klinkhammer and seconded by Council Member Lor "to adopt the resolution." Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **GRAND EVENING ON THE BRIDGE**

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing Downtown Eau Claire, Inc. to conduct A Grand Evening on the Bridge on Wednesday, August 18, 2021 on the Grand Avenue Bridge. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Anderson "to adopt the resolution." Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution granting a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage license and Temporary Class B Wine license to Downtown Eau Claire Inc., Disa Wahlstrand, President, on August 18, 2021 on the Grand Avenue Pedestrian Bridge, for A Grand Evening on the Bridge event. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Berge and seconded by Council Member Christopherson "to adopt the resolution." Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **HIGH BRIDGE**

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an emergency agreement for repair of the High Bridge. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS**

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing Operating and Capital Budget Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2021. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Jones and seconded by Council Member Klinkhammer “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **BONDS**

The City Council considered an initial resolution authorizing not to exceed \$4,460,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Bonds of the City of Eau Claire, Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties, Wisconsin, for the purpose of financing the acquisition, construction and improvement of water systems, including the City’s waterworks system and storm water system. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Lor and seconded by Council Member Werthmann “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered an initial resolution authorizing not to exceed \$655,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Bonds of the City of Eau Claire, Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties, Wisconsin, for the purpose of financing the acquisition, construction, improvement, repair and replacement of fire stations, trucks and equipment. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Berge “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered an initial resolution authorizing not to exceed \$8,610,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Bonds of the City of Eau Claire, Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties, Wisconsin, for the purpose of financing the acquisition, construction and improvement of streets and street improvements. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Christopherson and seconded by Council Member Emmanuelle “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered an initial resolution authorizing not to exceed \$3,025,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Bonds of the City of Eau Claire, Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties, Wisconsin, for the purpose of financing the acquisition, construction, improvement, repair and replacement of bridges. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Gragert and seconded by Council Member Jones “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered an initial resolution authorizing not to exceed \$8,675,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Bonds of the City of Eau Claire, Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties, Wisconsin, for the purpose of financing the acquisition, construction and improvement of libraries. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Klinkhammer and seconded by Council Member Lor “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered an initial resolution authorizing not to exceed \$1,520,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Bonds of the City of Eau Claire, Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties, Wisconsin, for the purpose of financing the acquisition, construction and improvement of buildings for the housing of machinery and equipment. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Anderson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered an initial resolution authorizing not to exceed \$8,670,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Promissory Notes of the City of Eau Claire, Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties, Wisconsin, for the purpose of financing various public purposes of the City. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Berge and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **MILL MEADOWS**

The City Council considered a resolution approving the final plat for Mill Meadows located at the northeast corner of N. Town Hall Road and W. Folsom Street (File P-4-21). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a development agreement with Menard, Inc. for street and utility improvements within the Plat of Mill Meadows. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Jones and seconded by Council Member Klinkhammer “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **ENCROACHMENT**

The City Council considered a resolution granting a permanent encroachment to the property owner of 202 Gibson Street for an underground vault. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Lor and seconded by Council Member Werthmann “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **GRANT SUPPORT**

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the City Manager to support the Eau Claire County's RAISE Grant Application to receive funding for the reconstruction of County Highway T (CTH T). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Berge "to adopt the resolution." Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **ZONING**

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance rezoning property located at the west end of Losan Avenue from I-2 to R-2P & R-3P and to adopt the general development plan with reduction in the front yard setback to 25 feet instead of the required 30 feet for twin homes development (Z-1696-21).

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance rezoning property located at 809 W. Clairemont Avenue from C-3H to C-3MX and to adopt the general development plan with site plan for a mixed-use development (Z-1697-21).

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance amending the general development plan for twin homes and twin duplexes at a 25-foot front yard setback instead of the required 30-foot for R-2P zoning for a property located at the end of Christopher Drive (Z-1305-04 Amd).

## **PARKING**

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance amending Table VIII of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire entitled "Parking Prohibited" and Table IX of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire entitled "Parking During Specified Hours."

## **TRUCK TRAFFIC REGULATIONS**

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance amending Chapter 10.48 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire entitled "Truck Traffic Regulations."

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned without objection.

Adjournment: July 13, 2021

Time: 6:09 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/ Terry L. Weld  
Council President

/s/ Carrie L. Riepl  
City Clerk